



HUMBOLDT COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes and General Meeting Summary
Meeting of Thursday, 5 March 2015

Board members present: Jamie Bucklin, President (jamiEBucklin@yahoo.com), Janelle Bucklin, Treasurer (mom2anni@gmail.com); Laurie Neville, Secretary (QMR_Bees@iCloud.com); Members: Melissa Krein (707) 499-9749 (Busymissybee@yahoo.com), Brad Woodward (707) 496-9707); the HCBA welcomes new board member, Robin Gereck (707) 407-3548 (berrylanebees@gmail.com). Location: Humboldt County Agriculture Office Building, Board Room, 5630 South Broadway (Humboldt Hill Rd Exit), Eureka.

Agenda reference for 3/5//2015 Board Meeting:

- I. Roll call
- II. Approval of Agenda and Board meeting minutes;
 - a. Approval of February 2015 Board minutes
 - b. Approval of Annual Meeting Report (1/24/2015) - (L. Neville) - Final approval and confirmation of any further editorial changes to be incorporated - (Extended from Feb 2015 meeting)
- III. Treasurer's Report (Janelle Bucklin)
- IV. Conflict of Interest forms from Board Members – signed and returned to the Treasurer.
- V. Report on recently attained non-profit organization status (501c3) (Janelle Bucklin, Treasurer).
- VI. Status of the "HCBA Records Library"
- VII. BeeFest 2015 status update
- VIII. Spring 2015 Events/Committee Development (Moved to next meeting/or mid-Apr possible meeting)
- IX. Evolving Outreach Committees – Need to discuss plan, presenters/PowerPoint Presentations/equipment/materials/expenses
- X. Summarize 2015 Calendar of Events/Timeline for HCBA Activities for the March or April Board meeting (L Neville)
- XI. HCBA Brochure status (L Neville)

MINUTES (3/5/2015)

1. Approved February 2015 Board minutes
2. Treasurer's Report: \$100 paid to Bayside Grange for Bee Fest 2015 event.
3. Robin Gereck welcomed to the HCBA Board (see her contacts above)
4. Draft acknowledgment letter and send for 2014 donors/sponsors as to HCBA non-profit status (501c3) tax deductible donations (Janelle Bucklin, Treas/L Neville, Sec).
5. Bee Fest (May 8-9, 2015)
 - a. Preliminary budget set at \$2500.00 – Board moved to approve preliminary budget at \$3000.00
 - b. T-shirt expense: Ordered (included in above budget). Cost is 100 shirts at \$15.00/ea; variable sizes: child to adult; Silkscreen design, 100% organic cotton, will sell for \$20.00 to 25.00 ea to the public.
 - c. Poster graphic – (cost?)– Poster will be ready in late Mar with 2 designs, (1) "Art Show Announcement/ Call for Entries", Bee Fest 2015 Poster & flyer. Lorna managing this process, and will distribute posters/flyers when printed to members and BF volunteers for distribution.
 - d. Lorna (Bee Fest) sent word that the following specific tasks need to get underway as soon as possible: Website for BeeFest, Coordinator for talent show, Food, organizer for sweets and coordinating cake walk contest, someone to organize vendors, Plan the talent show, and develop a PR plan for the event. Basically, volunteers are still needed overall for many tasks – Jamie announced an appeal for volunteers at this general meeting –
 - e. Anyone interested in participating in BeeFest, should contact Lorna at (707) 443-4424.
 - f. Other expenditures estimated for event: Seeds (\$100.00), Antennae for distrib (\$50.00), Grange fee (\$100), Food – Chautauqua (donations), buttons (?)
 - g. Suggestion made to inquire to Costco for donation (Humboldt area customer base identified as largest consumer of organic products in the Costco system).
 - h. Current sponsors so far: Bayside Grange, Eureka Natural Foods, Locally Delicious, Chautauqua Foods. More to be confirmed – Board needs copy of current sponsor list from Bee Fest Committee...to assist in securing more sponsors – need to address this at next Bee Fest Meeting (9 Apr 2015 at Redwood Lily – 3pm)
 - i. Some concerns:
 - i. Board requests to Lorna/Bee Fest Committee to be consulted with respect to the design of posters and to approve final designs -

- ii. Handling of HCBA funds in general, is it acceptable to members to designate large percentage of holdings to Bee Fest? It was reasoned that the returns from Bee Fest in past has been substantial (at least 150% more or less) considering the expenditures which justifies substantial expenditure.
6. “Waiver of Conflict of Interest” collected from all Board Members, it will be kept on file for now with Treasurer, Janelle Bucklin
 - 7.
 8. Spring 2015 Events/Committee Development (No time to discuss, moved to next meeting/or Mar-Apr special meeting)
 9. There was no time to discuss Summary of 2015 Calendar of Events/Timeline for HCBA Activities is in progress, and will be circulated when completed (L Neville/Jamie Bucklin)
 10. Approval of 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes/Report (1/24/2015) -No time, moved to April 2015 Board Meeting-
 11. Jamie had requested an informational flyer in early February, with HCBA details for newcomers and to provide a quick reference for all. Also, something to have on hand for meetings, events, etc. L Neville offered to do a three-fold brochure layout in house as opposed to a two-sided flyer, as it will present information in a graphic format, and can be easily mailed, or handed out. It will be designed in color, but will also be able to be reproduced in grayscale if reproduction costs are an issue. It is a representation of the website in a brochure format. Laurie will circulate a draft of this to the board for comment before the April meeting by email

SUMMARY OF 3/5/2015 GENERAL MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jamie Bucklin, President HCBA and Joy Thomas, PR and HSU Beekeeping Class, and Brad Woodward – made the following announcements to a large group (approx 63+ in attendance, 35 first time attendees).

Jamie Bucklin, President, announced that Joy Thomas would be stepping down from the board, and expressed gratitude on behalf of everyone involved with the HCBA for her efforts and generous contribution of time, resources and expertise over the past several years.

Upcoming events/Announcements:

1. Top Bar Hive Building Workshop

Saturday, 17 March 2015

Meet at 1:00 PM at Jamie’s shop, 5600 West End Rd., Suite “D” Arcata

Build your Top Bar Hive, Les Crowder style...

Contact: Jamie Bucklin for more information and materials list.

Email: jamiembucklin@yahoo.com Tel: (707) 845-3362

2. Open positions on the HCBA Board of Directors, invitation was extended to the group attending the general meeting.

3. Volunteers needed for BeeFest 2015... Announcement to members and general public in attendance to get involved – with focus on coordinators for Talent show and some of the other activities.

4. Spring Package Bee and Nuc orders:

#1 Honeybee Genetics – (Russian/C): Package Bee/Queen order #1: Reservations need to be in to Brad Woodward by 15 Mar for Apr 11 Bee Day delivery.

#2 Koehnen & Sons – (Carniolan/Italians) Package bee/Queen order (#2). Reservation and payment to Brad Woodward ***no later than*** Mar 26 2015. Delivery date: TBA.

#3 Old Sol Apiaries – Rogue River, OR - Nucs-Queen Bee Order #3 (submitted in mid March, coordinated by J Bucklin, Pres. Delivery estimated 12-15 May 2015. Contact Jamie directly re orders/status.

February 2015 Activity:

Topic: “Beekeeping Mistakes...and Swarm Stories”

The general audience attending the meeting participated in discussion and shared stories from new to experienced beekeepers who learned from their mistakes! It was an interesting exchange featuring beginning and experienced beekeepers and non-beekeepers who asked questions. A number of topics were covered: transporting bees, safety equipment issues, bears, frames, missing frames, “crazy” comb, queen mishaps, etc. Main points:

- Wear a veil, not worth getting stung on the face and eyes...having your eyes swollen shut is not advised in the beeyard...
- use light colored clothing... –
- When transporting a hive, strap it together with cam straps, don’t take any chances – & be careful to provide some kind of ventilation when closing entrances for transport. Have a veil for each person.
- Carry a veil and small bee kit in your car at all times...just in case.
- Always take a quick inventory for what you will need, have a plan.
- Have a bee buddy for back up...
- Always be prepared for the ***worst case scenario!!***